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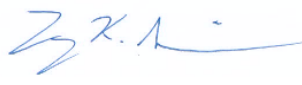
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DATE: November 17, 2009  
TO: Interested Parties  
FROM: Lucy Richards, Director's Office   
RE: Otter Creek: November 16 Land Board Meeting Results

At the November 16 Land Board meeting, the DNRC presented a draft coal lease proposal for the state-owned Otter Creek tracts. The DNRC also requested that the board determine the minimum acceptable bonus bid that will be incorporated into that bid package.

The board members voted unanimously to defer action on the lease proposal until the December 21, 2009, board meeting. During that time, the board will receive public comment through December 18. This extension of the comment period is designed both to allow the public more time to examine the proposed lease, and more time for the board to consider the terms and conditions of a final lease package.

If you wish to submit comments to the board, you may send those directly to the board members, or to myself. If you send comments to me, I will ensure that all of the board members receive those comments before the December board meeting.

You may contact me at [lrichards@mt.gov](mailto:lrichards@mt.gov); 1625 Eleventh Avenue, Helena, MT 59620; or 406-444-6699.

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